

Senator Bernard-Stevens. I had thought he felt that what I am doing now is a reconsideration of the first motion that I had offered. But since...I will ask the Chair so that if that does come on somebody's mind, then that will be out of the way. The first motion that I offered would have taken all of the bills that are on Select and returned them to General. This motion breaks out some of those bills and attempts to return them. That is not a reconsideration, Mr. Chairman, is it, of the first motion that I...I meant trying to do again what was already voted down on the first motion?

SPEAKER BARRETT: In the opinion of the Chair, it is not a reconsideration of the first motion that you made where you moved to return all bills on Select File. This is a more selective motion. It is not a reconsideration, in my opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, good, so then I will proceed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: These bills were moved from General File to Select File with no debate, no amendments, regardless of whether they had committee amendments or any other type, and to do that, as I said yesterday, was irresponsible. It was a corruption of the system. It was different from motions being filed pursuant to the rules that are allowable at a given stage of debate on each bill as it comes up. These bills, because of one particular bill, were all move on one vote. I am offering this motion to give us a chance to undo that damage. Those who wanted this package of bills acknowledge that LB 854, the abortion bill, was the one they were interested in, and that was the bill that led to that move being taken. They also stated, if what the papers reported is correct, that they wanted a vote on that bill of some kind, and they feel that the vote yesterday gave them that vote. This that I am offering can now restore the system to where it should be. I hope that you will consider this motion because it is offered in all seriousness and I intend to fight for it. Not only that abortion bill is anathema, there is a so-called antidrug bill which is filled with items that don't make sense, that are contradictory, that ought not to have seen the light of day from the committee, but because this not only is the year of politics on other issues, it is definitely the season of politics when it comes to supposedly fighting drugs. Any kind of item is put before Legislatures, and in most instances, they will be moved forward.